

REMARKS

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

The applicant appreciates the time and consideration extended by examiner Gary during a telephone interview held on Jan 9, 2006.

In the previous final office action issued Sept. 26, 2005, the examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10 and 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112 1st paragraph as being amended to block handset location for a duration of time. The examiner stated that this feature was not disclosed in the specification. As discussed with the examiner during the telephone interview, duration is disclosed because the specification states that location capability can be controlled "similarly to the way requests are handled by providers today for call forwarding, etc." (p. 6, lines 18-20). It is known in the art that call forwarding can be enable or disable by entering a code directly from the telephone handset keypad.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross in view of Rice. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 20 were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herle et al. As discussed with the examiner in the telephone interview, Ross, Rice and Herle do not teach blocking location capability by the user with an action performed by the user directly at the handset.

For the above reasons, the examiner will find that the claims are now allowable. The examiner if respectfully requested to place the case in condition for allowance at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted



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